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Colonel Osborne, C.M.G.,

Military Secretary,

Department of Militia, Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Osborne:

In the first place allow me to congratulate you on the new honour which was given to you and which I am sure was well earned and will be worthily worn.

I am writing to you now for advice. A lady came to see me this morning with regard to her son. She has been to see me before. I judge that she is a woman of very fine grain and character but has met with a great deal of misfortune and is in difficulties, so she came to see me about her boy who is now in his second year at Trinity College. His name is Edward Baxter Ramsay. He has always been a delicate boy, but volunteered in 1916 and was discharged as unfit. He was re-examined and placed in C 2. In our university examination he was not allowed to take the military exercises and was given special physical training. He has not been fit for munitions, and cannot stand exposure. Last winter he had pneumonia three times. He has, however, been recently examined and this time is placed in P 2. His mother does not wish to have the boy shown any special favour, but she believes that it will be impossible for him to stand the work, and that his life would simply be thrown away. His age is 21. I have confidence that she is a high-minded woman and it seems a pity to waste a life needlessly. Could you give me any advice as to what I should

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do in the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.